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TO: Rete Hess

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FROM: J. Pappas

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SUBJECT: Silo Demolition

COMMENTS:

Rete,
Had the demolition expert review OSHA regulations
and reply. I would have to agree with her that
this is similar to a building demolition activity.

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TO: Plateau Mining Corp.
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(Johnny Pappas)

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(Mark Greenhalgh)

RE: DEMOLITION OF COAL SILO WITH EXPLOSIVES
LOCATION: PRICE, UT

As per your request I will respond to each regulation. However this is not a mining operation. There are no drilling holes in the ground or explosives loaded in the ground or underground. This is a specialty application of structural demolition with explosives. The regulations in general will not be applicable. You would not hire a surface mining blaster to demolish a building. This is a totally different application.

524.100 MSHA certified instructor and licensed in Utah, WA, NV, AZ, CO, WY.

524.100 Blaster present and all drill and load operations under BIC (blaster in charge).

524.120 On hand.

524.130 BIC on hand and apprentice.

524.140 All personnel has been instructed with the safety protocol of being in the area of explosives, and handling.

524.200

524.210

524.211

524.220 Not applicable. We are not within those distances to critical structures.

524.220

524.230 Previously submitted included in the SHEAP. Flyrock protection is rubber matting placed over loaded columns. Electric caps will be used to prevent any airblast. The break-up of the building and impact noise will be louder than the blast. Ground vibration will occur on impact only not from explosives in the ground as there will be none. Existing railroad tracks will be bedded with sand for fall protection and splatter of silo upon break-up. (see previously submitted material)

524.240

524.250 Not applicable. Changes will not take place on structural demolition at the request of others. This is not surface blasting.

524.300 Not applicable. No critical structures in area.

524.310 Not applicable.

524.320 Not applicable. no dwellings within the area.

524.330 Not applicable.

524.340 Not applicable.

524.350 Not applicable.

524.400 Not a series of blasts. one only.

524.410 Not applicable. no unscheduled blasting.

524.420 Applicable.

524.430 Not applicable. no dwellings within the area.

524.440 Not applicable. 24 hour notice will be given with a set time for detonation of one blast only.

524.450 thru 524.500 There is no blasting schedule and we would prefer to limit spectators and this will increase security problems.


524.510 thru 520 previously submitted. warning signs and signal and airhorns.

524.530 thru 532 Previously submitted. all areas secured. no access into area until after a post-blast inspection and all dust and any gases have dissipated.

524.600 thru 610 Not applicable. no charges in the ground.

524.620 Electric caps used to prevent airblast.

524.621 thru 524.752 Not applicable. No charges are placed in the ground. Only vibration is from impact of materials and no dwellings within the 1/2 mile radius.


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